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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I stand, of course, in support of Senator Wehrbein's amendment and I'd just like to talk a little bit about the feasibility study. It is...what it will do will be to provide the Legislature with information as to the cost of the program, the acceptability on the part of those people who have participated in the program, and then it will be up to the Legislature to make the determination as to the...whether the cost...whether it's cost effective and whether we should go ahead with it, so that's what the feasibility study really does. Maybe feasibility is not the right term, but at least we're...that's where we are with it. It's to provide us with information on whether it is cost effective and I would urge your support of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say that this is a friendly amendment. I don't see anything that it would harm the bill. I think it's added protection. Just to reiterate, nothing will change in this bill with the regulatory of the industries. They think this...they don't have to become state inspected. With my bill, nothing changes in the current program. The plants would be allowed to be custom exempt to process animals for their owners. This is a voluntary program. And if someone wants to become state inspected, our people could work with them and the end result would be, as I said before, good news for the processor, more animals to slaughter, more opportunities to market meat. I support the amendment and I just ask the body to advance the LB 1092. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the Wehrbein amendment? Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of AM2802. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of